

Susquehanna—the importance of which connexion has always engaged a large share of public attention. The Legislature of Maryland, at its session in 1823, impelled by the force of public opinion, passed an act incorporating the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company; the city of Baltimore subscribed one hundred thousand dollars, and individuals two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the capital stock of this Company, with which the work was commenced, and at the session of the General Assembly of Maryland, in 18 , seven miles of the road being completed, and the State of Pennsylvania having refused to pass a law authorising the construction of the Road from the Maryland line to the Susquehanna, the State of Maryland subscribed one hundred thousand dollars to the stock of this Company, upon condition, that a branch of the road should be made to Westminster, which subscription was applied to the construction of five miles of the main stem, and ten miles of the branch leading to Westminster, thereby completing twelve miles of the main stem, and seventeen of the branch. This Company has never lost sight of the original object of their charter, and has been unceasing in its efforts to obtain from Pennsylvania the privilege of completing the work, and of securing to Maryland the great benefits contemplated by the original act of incorporation. In 1832, upon the application of the citizens of the Borough of York, the Legislature of Pennsylvania granted a charter authorising the construction of a Rail Road from the said Borough to the Maryland line, and by a supplement to said charter, passed in 1834, it is believed that Pennsylvania has at last conferred the power to complete the Road according to the original design of Maryland.

The Committee on Internal Improvements believe that it is the true policy of Maryland to complete this work, forthwith, to York, a distance of forty eight miles from the present terminus of the Road.

Your committee have so far framed the bill which is herewith submitted, as, in their opinion, to render it impossible that any loss can accrue to the State, by granting the aid provided for therein.

The bill provides, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore shall issue stock of the State for one million of dollars, redeemable in        years, bearing an interest of six per cent. per annum—It further provides, that this stock shall not be sold for less than fifteen per cent. advance, thereby giving one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the State, which, by the provisions of the bill, is to form a sink-